

SO, NOW DEPENDS ON COURT DECISION

Roanoke Local Option Case Awaits Verdict of Supreme Tribunal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, VA., March 6.—In the local option contest today, ex-Treasurer Walter Turner testified that while he held the position in 1905 Chairman Francis Keeley paid taxes for from 15 to 190 voters, and that other politicians paid taxes for a number of voters.

The court stated that it had accepted the amendment to the petition mainly on the ground of the question that is to be settled by the Supreme Court in regard to personal payment of taxes. The court adjourned the case until March 18 on account of the expected Supreme Court decision, and the demurrer of the "dry" to the amendment will be heard in vacation.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Directors and Officers of Company Are Elected.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 6.—At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc., held in this city, the following directors for the ensuing year were elected: William O. Whitner, A. P. Rowe, William Northrup, A. Embrey, Judge Alvin T. Embrey, Mr. Northrup, the new director, is manager of the Gould interests in Richmond and Petersburg.

Following the stockholders' meeting the directors elected the following officers of the company: W. O. Whitner, president; A. P. Rowe, vice-president; Judge Alvin T. Embrey, secretary and treasurer.

The application for a franchise by the company for electricity, heating, lighting and power purposes is now pending before the City Council, and it is expected that it will be granted before the close of this month.

Donations from Philippines.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 6.—A donation of \$1250 has been received here from Cavite Lodge, No. 330, of Masons of Cavite, Philippine Islands, for the George Washington Masonic memorial temple which Lodge No. 4, of Masons, of this city, is endeavoring to erect by private subscriptions from subordinate and grand lodges throughout the country and from individuals. The fund has already reached about \$11,000 and contributions are still coming in steadily.

Building "Y" Track.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHATHAM, VA., March 6.—The Southern Railway Company is now at work constructing a "Y" track at Whittles Depot, four miles north of this place, which is the southern end of the recently doubled track. Heavy trains northbound will be double-headed to this point, dropping one engine, which will be turned around for its return trip.

ASSAULTED BY NEGRO.

John Collins Is Seriously Injured and Robbed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CAPE CHARLES, VA., March 6.—John Collins, thirty years of age, an oyster shucker, of Oyster, was murdered here by a negro, who was walking along the road, were approached

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where it could be obtained, with the instructions that only one man must go, as the proprietor would not sell to two at one time. Collins remained with the negro, while his friend went to make the purchase. When he had gotten out of sight, the negro brought a cloth from under his coat and struck Collins several hard blows on the head, rendering him unconscious, after which he rifled his pockets, taking \$10, all the money the man had. When his friend returned the negro had fled, and Collins' diabolical body was carried to the Hotel J. G. Goode at Cheriton. Sixteen stitches were required to close the wounds on his head. His condition is serious.

DAVIS WILL SPEAK.

He is to be Chief Orator at Lynchburg Banquet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 6.—Charles Hall Davis, president of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, and one of the promoters of the establishment of the Southern Commercial Congress in Washington, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting and banquet of the Retail Merchants' Association at the Hotel J. G. Goode on Tuesday night. Mr. Davis' subject will be "A Line-Up of Southern Business Men for the Greater South."

State Senator Don P. Halsey will speak of "the retail merchant and his duty in influencing legislation to promote commercial interest and public welfare."

The other speaker will be George D. Witt, and his subject will be "Lynchburg—Her Manufacturing and Retail Interests—Some Predictions for the Future."

A Summer Normal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 6.—A Summer Normal Institute will be held in this city this year during the month of July. A. B. Chandler, Jr., of Richmond, will have charge of the institute, aided by an able faculty. Last year this institute at Fredericksburg was one of the largest and best in the State, and prospects are good for even a greater success this year.

For Real Estate Exchange.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 6.—The real estate agents of Lynchburg are at work upon a proposition to establish a real estate exchange in the city. A committee is at work upon a plan for such a departure, and it will be reported to a meeting of the real estate men of the city to be called shortly for that purpose.

A Church Dedication.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 6.—Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of this city, will preach the dedication sermon at the new Presbyterian Church at Milford, in Caroline county, to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

They Want Good Roads.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 6.—Stokes county has sent the good roads fever. The commissioners of that county will meet next Monday in special session, at which petitions from several townships will be presented asking for an election for bond issues for macadam roads.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Farmer Leaps From Window With Rope About His Neck.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 6.—Last night Adolphus Thomas, a prosperous farmer, residing six miles south of town, went to his barn, tied a rope to a rafter and the other end around his neck. He then leaped out of a window. The rope broke, and when found by members of the family Thomas was unconscious, with both lower jaws dislocated. His condition is regarded as hopeful.

GOULD'S PROTEGE DEAD.

Carlos Espinosa, a Columbia Student, Thought to Have Killed Himself.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 6.—The coroner's jury returned an open verdict in the case of Carlos Espinosa, who was found dead from asphyxiation in his room at 4281 Washington Boulevard, this city, this morning. Dependency over the reverses of his wealthy father, who was a banker in Lima, Peru, is believed to have caused him to commit suicide. This is the opinion of Gibson Knerlman, the dead man's confidant and former classmate at Columbia University, where Knerlman said, a son of George Gould was young Espinosa's roommate. Gould is credited with getting for Espinosa a position in the Missouri Pacific Railroad office here, where Knerlman also works.

H. C. Watrous, of the Missouri Pacific, Espinosa's intimate friend here, telegraphed to Espinosa's relatives in Peru and to the Goulds at New York for instructions. Espinosa had no relatives in this country. Gibson Knerlman was the last person to see him alive. About 1:30 A. M. they met in the hall, and Knerlman bade his friend good night. No indication of dependency was shown in his voice, according to Knerlman. When the latter awoke this morning he went to Espinosa's door, as it had been the custom for the first one arising to wake the other. He found the door locked—something unusual—forced it open and found Espinosa dead in the gas-filled room.

Harry C. Watrous, a Missouri Pacific official, received a telegram tonight from George Gould, of New York, instructing him to hold Espinosa's body until an answer is received to a telegram Mr. Gould has sent to Espinosa's family in Peru.

Missouri Pacific employees here discredited the suicide theory, holding Espinosa's death was accidental.

Espinosa was one of Kingdon Gould's closest friends. They were both members of the D. K. E. fraternity at Columbia. Espinosa entered the engineering department with the class of 1908. In 1907 Espinosa's father, a banker in Lima, Peru, failed, and Espinosa would have been obliged to give up his studies at once had not young Gould come to his aid. Kingdon Gould interested his father in his friend's case, with the result that Mr. Gould offered to see him through college. Espinosa continued his college work until March, 1907, and for some time lived at the Gould home.

When Espinosa decided to go to work Mr. Gould got a job for him as surveyor with the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Espinosa began his work in St. Louis a few months ago.

Espinosa's family, according to the Peruvian consul, one of the best known in Peru. When Espinosa came here to study the Peruvian government instructed its representatives to take a special interest in the boy.

Purchases Valuable Land.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DREWHRY'S BLUFF, VA., March 6.—K. S. Bergmann, a resident of Gravel Knott Farm, near here, has recently purchased a 110-acre tract of land fronting on and lying between the Richmond and Petersburg electric car line and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at Falling Creek Station. Mr. Bergmann will subdivide this property into five-acre lots and sell to people who wish a desirable home site.

For Mental Anguish.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 6.—C. S. Lawrence, a student at the Western Union Telegraph Company as a result of a mental anguish suit. When Mr. Lawrence was a student at the North Carolina University a year or two ago, he was living at Pleasant Mountain, became dangerously ill and his father sent him a telegram to come home at once. Two or three days later

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Style Notes

In costumes the modes are now varied enough to suit all types.

The Princess, with its long, clinging lines, is still in vogue. Draped effects are shown and the waist line is lengthening.

In Tailored Suits the plain, close-fitting hip line is preserved and the skirt made with a band running across the knee, with plaits falling from underneath the band.

Special!

Stylish \$24.50 Spring Suits.



The woman cultured in dress effects will at once recognize in these suits the very acme of style and finish at a most reasonable price.

FINE FRENCH SERGE SUITS, in self stripes of new light gray, bluish gray, new rose, royal blue with gray stripes and black with gray stripes.

Four-button straight front coats, 36 inches long, semi-fitting back, slit on the side and back seams to the hip, lined throughout with an extra quality satin.

Flared Skirt, trimmed with large buttons to match the coat. Distinctly new styles in every high class fabric and splendid value, at \$24.50.

Special!

New Silk \$13.50 COATS.

Black Silk Ottoman Cord Coats, three-button, cutaway lined throughout with pearl gray satin.

There's a tone about these garments that only comes from the use of high class fabrics and the best tailoring.

Special!

A New Silk Messaline 75c RAYE, 75c

One of the pretty new comers this season.

Messaline Raye has all the lustre of a plain messaline, but has a narrow, flat cord running crosswise.

We have it in sixteen different shades.

Special!

Real Kid \$1.00 GLOVES

VERY NEWEST SHADE FOR SPRING. HISCUT OR PONGEE COLOR.

Nobody in Richmond but Miller & Rhoads have ever sold a REAL Kid Glove for less than \$1.50.

Our gloves at \$1 are three-clasp, Paris point back, all sizes, and harmonize with all the spring colors in Dress Goods.

A Piano for \$35.

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Style Notes

Tucked, dotted and Embroidered Nets are shown for yokes and sleeves. Yokes of Lace, Alencon, Old Venetian and Point Venise are seen on many of the new models.

Gold trimmings of all descriptions have been revived—gold bands, wide and narrow—gold fringes and magnificent garnitures, which in some cases cover nearly the entire corsage.

Special!

Satin 85c Soliel, 85c

A beautiful lustrous fabric, and just the correct weight to drape well for the new three-piece gowns. Gray, hunter's green, navy, brown, catana, ashes of rose, Edison blue and black; special, 85c yard.

Great improvements have taken place in the designing of corsets during the last six months, following the development of the lines called for by Directoire fashions. One well known corset maker maintains that feminine preference does not change with the cut of the gown.

He is showing a model that presents the tapering waist, set at the same time by means of the flattening back skirt draws in the hips and gives a smooth and slender outline.

Special!

Warner \$2.50 Corsets, 2.50



No. 360 is illustrated: fine quality batiste, extra long back, hose supporters front and side, trimmed with lace and ribbon bow.

Directoire model, unequalled for style and service, at \$2.50.

Black and white cheek Cotton Suitings will be more popular than ever this season in wash goods.

The patterns range from the tiny shepherd's plaids to great blocks measuring almost an inch square.

Special!

Zephyr 39c PLISSE, 39c

The newest thing in a fine Dress Gingham that will launder splendidly.

Beautiful clear checks, with heavy merrized colored stripes; black checks, with black or blue stripes.

Lavender, Edison blue, navy, light blue and rose checks, with self-color stripes.

Special!

Dutch 25c Collars, 25c

Twenty or more designs at this price, in lawn and muslin, with lace edges. The designs are exceptionally pretty.

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Formal Spring Opening

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 9, 10 and 11, 1909.

We will have on display and sale what is probably the finest and most varied assortment of merchandise ever shown in the South.

In addition to the merchandise shown, the store itself will be beautifully decorated with the blossoms of Spring, coupled with palms, ferns and cut flowers.

Special Features

of the Opening are as follows:

Dress Goods Exhibit—

Wool Satins, Satin Soliel, Satin Prunella,

Novelty Worsteds, Shadow Stripes, Broadcloths,

Serges, Voiles, Batiste.

Silk Exhibit—

Mirage and Satin-face Rough Silks, Rough Pongees and Shantung, Messalines, Satin Liberty,

Swiss Habutai, Foulards, Satin Crepes.

Wash Fabrics Exhibit—

Cloth of India, London Welts,

Tissue Plisse, French Gingham,

Colored Linens, Foulard Brillants.

Dress Garnitures—

Gold and Silver Drops, Braids and Cloth, Novelty Braids, in metal effects and handsome all-overs, in the latest Paris styles, Colored Tassels, Fringes, Satin Pippings, Cords, &c.

Laces—

Gold & Silver Bands and Allovers, Persian Bands & Allovers, Colored Japanese Embroidered Bands, Irish Crochet and Venise Laces, All the new Colored Nets.

Exhibit of Suits and Dresses—

Empire Three-piece Suits, in satin-finished prunella cloths and French serges, Directoire One-piece Afternoon Gowns, demi train, also walking lengths, Two-piece Suits, directoire or plain tailored effects, Princess Frocks, demi train, in satin foulards and messalines, Demi Costumes of Silk Crepe Cloth and Imported Voiles over Silk, Lingerie Gowns, princess style, for afternoon or evening wear, Princess Dancing Dresses, in silk, repp and Brussels net.

Kid-Gloves—

Eight-button lengths will be popular both for long and three-quarter sleeves, suede and glace, 2-clasp Gloves, in all the new shades, including black with white stitching and a wide white kid welt at wrist.

Neckwear—

New Dutch Collars, lace and embroidered effects, Rabats, Jabots, Lace Stocks, Linen Embroidered Collars, Ruchings and Ascots. Very latest colorings and designs.

Parasols—

10-rib Japanese effects, in solid colors. Coaching effects and combinations. Directoire Satin Parasols, made of messaline—a new idea. Nearly all the new Parasols have the long directoire handle, adding much to the style and general effect. The colorings of the Parasols match the new shades in costumes.

Exhibit of Infants' Wear—

Long Coats of Henrietta, Bedford cord, China silk, crepe de coile and repp silk. Caps, hand embroidered, in Dutch effects; also new straw braids; trimmed with silk, lace and flowers. Long and Short White Dresses, beautifully made. Cashmere Sacques and Wrappers, hand embroidered.

Our Cafe Service

has become very popular, and will be made especially attractive during the opening days.

An excellent Club Luncheon will be served for 40c. The menu is changed daily.

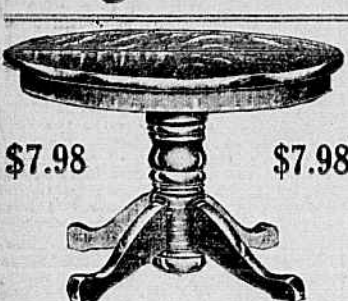
Our Japanese Tea Garden—

Tea will be served free in our new Japanese Tea Garden on the second floor each afternoon of the opening from 4 to 6 o'clock. During these hours an orchestra will render music on this floor.

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THE BIG STORE RYAN-SMITH & CO. HOME OUTFITTERS MASONIC TEMPLE

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\$7.98 Buys this six foot Solid Golden Oak Pedestal Extension Table, exactly like cut, only ten to be sold at this half price. Monday only.

99c For \$1.75 Decorated Vases. Special Monday Only.

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Fifty full rolls (40 yards each) finely woven Japanese Matting (several patterns) that sold at 30c and 35c.

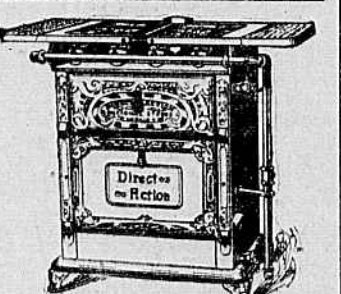
15c Matting Druggists, 9x12 feet, \$4.98.

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he received a letter asking why he did not come, and the letter referred to the fact that he had been sent a message by wire. For some cause the message was never delivered, and because of the delay, when Mr. Lawrence got him his sister was unconscious and died without recognizing him. He brought suit in Orange county for damages and a jury gave him \$750.

The engine of a local freight train, eastbound on the Atlantic and Yadkin Road, operated by the Southern Railway, turned over near Walnut Cove at 10 o'clock to-day. Engineer R. H. Smith, of Greensboro, was caught under the engine and he lay in a perilous position until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when he was rescued and taken to a hospital in Greensboro. One arm is broken, and it is feared he is injured internally.

While under the engine Smith, believing Death Near, Engineer Dies.

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WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 6.—

leaving he would die, dictated a message to his wife in Greensboro.

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Murderer Meets Death.

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